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SUBJECT: GABONESE CRITICISM OF HAVANA YOUTH FESTIVAL  
ARRANGMENTS

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1. SUMMARY: YOUTH WING OF GABONESE DEMOCRATIC PARTY  
(PDG) ISSUED COMMUNIQUE PUBLISHED HERE JULY 4 DENOUNCING  
ARRANGEMENTS FOR WORL YOUTH FESTIVAL SCHEDULED FOR HAVANA  
JULY 28 - AUGUST 5 AND CALLING FOR YOUTH OF "REALISTIC"  
COUNTRIES TO SPEAK OUT PARTICULARLY AGAINST ALLOCATION OF  
DELEGATES. END SUMMARY.

2. COMMUNIQUE CITES THREE PARTICULAR GRIEVANCES IN  
PREFATORY PARAGRAPHS:

A. UNFAIR RATION OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM "MODERATE"  
COUNTRIES VIS-A-VIS "PRETENDED PROGRESSIVES."

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B. INTEFERENCE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF AFRICAN  
COUNTRIES BY ASSIGNING REPRESENTATION QUOTAS TO OPPOSITION  
MOVEMENTS SUCH AS CHAD'S FOLINAT AND ZAIRE'S FNLC.

C. ABSURDLY LOW QUOTA OF FIVE REPRESENTATIVES  
ALLOCATED TO GABON WHILE OTHER COUNTRIES WITH SMALLER  
POPULATION RECEIVE LARGER QUOTA.

3. IN ITS OPERATIVE SECTIONS COMMUNIQUE:

A. "VEHEMENTLY DENOUNCES TENDTIOUS AND DIVISIVE CHARACTER OF THE DECISIONS TAKEN AT HAVANA BY INTERNATIONAL PREPARATORY COMMITTEE WITH REGARD TO PARTITION OF QUOTA RESERVED FOR AFRICA."

B. "DISAPPROVES TOTALLY QUOTA ALLOCATED TO GABON (FIVE MEMBERS ONLY) AND VIGOROUSLY CONDEMNS THE PRINCIPLES AND CRITERIA UPON WHICH THIS RIDICULOUS QUOTA WAS FIXED..."

C. "CONDEMNS ENERGETICALLY THE ACTION OF INTERNATIONAL PREPARATORY COMMITTEE WHICH TENDS TO LIMIT THE FIESTIVAL TO SO-CALLED "PROGRESSIVE" YOUTH."

D. "CALLS ON THE YOUTH OF THE REALISTIC COUNTRIES TO MANIFEST ITS DISCONTENTMENT IN THE FACE OF THIS SITUATION."

E. UNCONDITIONALLY SUPPORTS PRESIDENT BONGO'S POLICY OF STABILITY, PROGRESS, PEACE, OPENESS AND AFRICAN UNITY.

4. COMMENT: THERE SHOULD BE NO ILLUSIONS THAT PDG YOUTH ACTED SPONTANEOUSLY IN DRAFTING COMMUNIQUE WHICH WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN GENERATED WITHOUT EXPRESS PERMISSION OF PRESIDENT AND PARTY CHIEF BONGO. ALTHOUGH IT STOPS SHORT OF SAYING GABONESE WILL NOT BE REPRESENTED IN HAVANA, COMMUNIQUE CLEARLY TENDS TO PROVIDE RATIONALE FOR SUBSEQUENT BOYCOTT DECISION IF THAT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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